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THE ARMY CHAPLAIN AND VICTIM SUPPORT

- ***CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELING (CSA Imp #1)***
 - Confidential Communications
 - Given in Trust as Act of Religion/Conscience.
 - Made in Confidence.
 - Not Intended for Disclosure.
- Balance Confidentiality w/Victim Care
 - Confidential/Privilege Comms = Religious Act
 - Restricted/Unrestricted Report = Legal Act
- Establish a Sense of Safety



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RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS AND HEALING (CSA Imp

- Religious Traditions: **#3)**
 - Promote Healing
 - Enable Recovery and Restoration
- Pastoral Care as Multi-Disciplinary Team:
 - SPIRIT (Model of Care)
 - **S**etting A Supportive Safe Environment
 - **P**acing for Gathering Details
 - **I**nformation Sharing
 - **R**estoring the Person to Life
 - **I**ntegrating the New Experience into Identity
 - **T**hinking Theologically about Sexual Assault



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COMPASSIONATE PASTORAL CARE (CSA Imp #1)

- Compassion and Conscience...
- Chaplains MUST NOT Impose:
 - Personal Theology
 - Religious language and/or ideology
- Chaplains MUST:
 - Respect Victim's Religious/Spiritual Tradition(s)
 - Nurture Healing IOT Find Meaning & Peace



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Unit Ministry Team(s) DO **NOT** *RESTRAINTS*

- Investigate
- Advise on Legal Defense or Prosecution
 - Not Subject To Statements Due To Confidentiality
- Replace UVA or SARC Roles/Individuals
- Abandon the Unit Ldrs During The Incident Investigation Or Recovery Phase
 - Confidentiality Doesn't Equal Disengagement Or Removal
- Impose Personal Theological Views.



THE ARMY CHAPLAIN AND CRISIS SUPPORT

INITIAL ESTABLISHMENT
OF
CONFIDENTIAL
COUNSELING

ACTIVITIES*

Establish Safe Environment
Offer Crisis Intervention
Provide Pastoral Support
Offer Guidance Based on Situation/CMD Notification
Assess Religious/Spiritual Trauma
Identify Religious/Spiritual Healing Resources
Provide Referrals to Assist with Other Needs

OUTPUTS

Provide Access to Pastoral Counseling:
*Victim Counseling
*Perpetrator Counseling

CMD Team Care

OUTCOMES

VSFSO is aware of options and resources.
VSFSO begins to consider choices and make informed decisions.

VSFSO feels supported.

RESULTS

VSFSO Restoration Initiated
Trust is Enhanced
Long-term Pastoral Relationship Established.
Experience Mitigated
Unit Cohesion Initiated

**VSFSO: Victim/Survivor;
Family; Significant Other(s)**



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KEY POINTS

- Respect the courage of the victim!
- Chaplains provide absolute confidential counseling.
- Religious Traditions promote healing and enable recovery and restoration.
- Chaplains will facilitate compassionate pastoral care.